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WHICH ENCODE T CELL INDUCIBLE FACTORS (TIFs), THE PROTEINS ENCODED, AND USED THEREOF

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Dear Sir:

An amendment after final rejection was filed in this case on December 1, 2005.

All rejected claims were canceled, leaving only allowed claims pending.

Applicants have heard nothing from the USPTO since then, and inquire as to why this is so.

Please note that in addition to the facts set forth above, this application has been pending for more than 5 years, so it is <u>de facto</u> a "special" application, which according to the rules, is to be handled with special dispatch.

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An explanation for the delay, and when action is expected, would be appreciated.

Should it be more appropriate to discuss this with the Group Direct, it is requested that applicants be so informed.

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